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1. Molotov reported handling Soviet internal problems--
According to US Ambassador Jessup at the UN, Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky told British Foreign Secretary Bevin, in response to his query concerning the health of ex-Foreign Minister Molotov, that Molotov is now concerned solely with economic-financial problems and the rehabilitation of the Soviet economy.

(CIA Comment: Confirmation of this report that Stalin's right-hand man is engaged solely with internal problems would point to an increased Soviet emphasis upon dealing with domestic and Satellite difficulties springing from Tito's defection and the present adverse position of the USSR in the cold war.)

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